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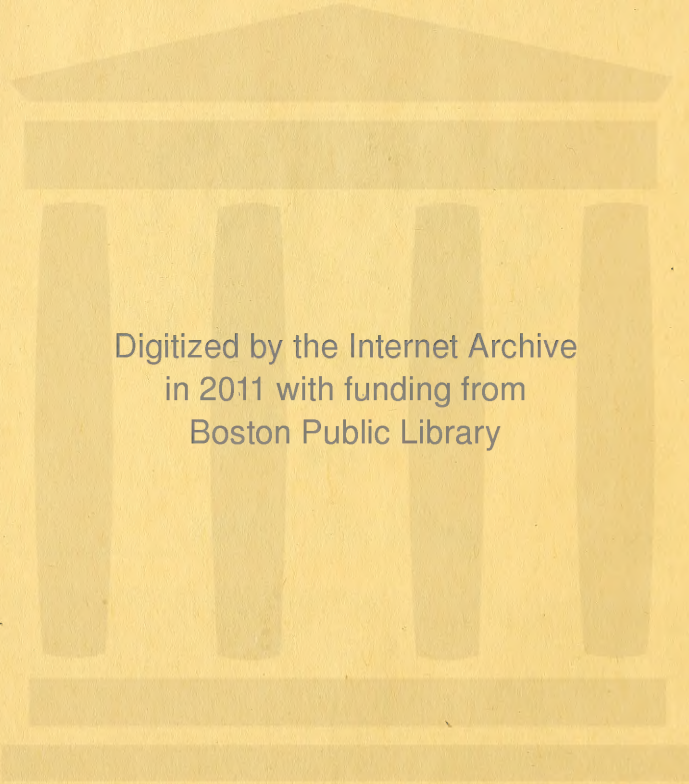


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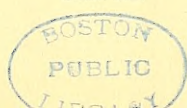
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## FOREWORD

The material contained in these pages has been greatly condensed from a vast number of letters, documents, and records, collected during a period extending over ten years. No attempt has been made to present a complete history or to compile an entire genealogy, for be it remembered that in many cases we represent the tenth generation in America, and that there are literally thousands of descendants of the original Lester family of the Plymouth and Connecticut colonies.

This publication is offered with the hope that it may aid those of collateral lines who have occasion to seek guideposts in their search for vital records.

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## CHAPTER I

### OUR BRITISH ANCESTRY

It is gratifying to learn that our forebears were of the sturdy American stock who lived frugally and righteously, and helped to develop this great country and to give it character.—Rose C. Swart, President of the Lester Association of America.

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We learn from the "Genealogy and Family History of the State of Connecticut," page 414, that "The Lester family are of ancient English origin," and that "the family has produced many distinguished men."

The Lester family tree began taking definite form during the early part of the reign of James I, King of England (1603-1625); a time when those whose views did not conform to those of the ruling powers, gradually became segregated. One of the most outstanding of these groups was the band of Puritans, first under the leadership of Richard Clifton and John Robinson, and later, of William Brewster. The Pilgrimage in 1607, to Leyden, Holland, served to strengthen the bonds of those composing the band. Their voyage in 1620, by way of the Mayflower, and their subsequent privations, together with the frequent intermarriages among the early generations, so firmly bound them in both spirit and in flesh, that the Pilgrim party became virtually a family.

During the two decades following the arrival of the Mayflower, about 15,000 souls entered the colony. Among them were many forbears of our present generation. Scores of Lesters trace their descent from Elder William Brewster, Governor Bradford, and other Pilgrim and Puritan settlers of the Massachusetts and Connecticut colonies.

The first ancestor of our name and family in America, of whom we have definite record, was the Puritan, Andrew Lester, (also spelled Leycester, Leister, and Lister) who appeared at Gloucester, Mass., about 1642, and was admitted as a freeman in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1643.

Mr. W. Ferrend Felch, historian and genealogist, writes that Andrew Lester doubtless came to America about 1640, with a company of Welsh gentlemen headed by Governor Winthrop. This group was known as "The Blynman Party," the Reverend Blyman then being the spiritual leader of the flock. Andrew

Lester, though purporting to have come from Wales, probably was related to the Lesters of the neighboring county, Cheshire. Descendants of Jonathan Lester of Norwich, Connecticut and of Andrew (1) Lester, have traced the line back through the Lesters of Cheshire, to the time of the ruler, Constantine .

### The Lesters of Cheshire

Yvron, Viscount to Constantine.

Hodard, Odard, Hudard

Hugh de Dutton, name assumed from place of residence.

Hugh de Dutton, who purchased lands for a suit of mail and a charger.

Hugh de Dutton, who added a palfrey and a sparrowhawk to the purchase.

Adam, a younger son, married Agnes Fitz-Alured.

Geoffrey de Dutton, married Alice de Lacy.

Margaret de Dutton, married Sir Nicholas Leycester.

Nicholas Leycester, married a sister of Sir Ralph Moberley.

Ralph Leycester married Joan Toft.

Elder son, also two other sons.

Then follow the Leycesters of Toft.

Leycester of Toft. Morris

Ralph Leycester of Toft

Succeeded by his brother

Ralph

Younger son

The Leycesters of Worleston, Cheshire and Staffordshire.

Wm. Lester, Mayor of Chester, 1609

Richard Lester, Mayor of Chester, 1650.

Randall Lester, 1690.

### COAT-OF-ARMS

The coats-of-arms of the various families of Lesters of England were usually quite similar. That of Lester Garland, who took the name of Lester, was as follows:

"A fesse; ermines below two fleurs-de-lis, and caduces in base. Crest—a demi-griffin with claws extended; in claws a trident erect az., headed gold." Motto: Favente Deo."



## CHAPTER II

### LIFE IN THE COLONIES

According to tradition, Andrew Lester, with two of his brothers came to America early in the 17th century; they became separated and finally lost all trace of one another. The earliest record we have concerning him is that of the birth of his first child, born at Gloucester in 1642; the next is of his appointment, January 7, 1643, as constable—an office which at that time was one of importance.

"The History of the Town of Ledyard," page 142, under the title of "The Lester Family," states that Andrew Lester was licensed by the County Court, February 26 1648-49, to keep a house of entertainment; and Babson, in his "History of Gloucester," writes: "He sold his property in 1651, to Clement Colden, and left town with the company that went to Pequod, (New London)."

In the early part of that year, the Cape Ann Company opened up a new street named Cape Ann Lane, containing nine lots, of which Hugh Calkins owned No. 1; Hugh Roberts, No. 2; a Mr. Coit, No. 3; and Andrew Lester, No. 4. In April 1651, a company of promoters, then termed "undertakers," consisting of Hugh Calkins, Mr. Denison, John Elderkin and Andrew Lester, took over a tract of lowland bordering Alewine Cove, with a view of reclaiming it.

Andrew Lester was constable and collector at New London in 1668. Barbara, his first wife, died February 2, 1653-4; the record of her death being the first of that of a white woman at New London. This Barbara, whose maiden name we have not learned, was the mother of his first four children. His second marriage, to Joanna, the widow of Robert Hempstead, brought no issue. By his third wife, Hannah Fox, frequently called Anna, he had three sons. He died at New London, June 7, 1669.

Of the five sons of Andrew Lester, his namesake, Andrew 2d, was destined to be the most prominent. This Andrew 2d, it is claimed, was the first deacon of the first church of Groton. He was representative for eight years in the General Court. (See Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. IV). In the official roll of Deputies, 1704, he is listed as a sergeant in the New London Military Company. He was, according to tax records, one of the

wealthiest men of Groton. He married first, a daughter of Nicholas Clark who was the first settler (1635) of Hartford, Conn., and a soldier of the Pequod War. Clark's name appears on a monument to pioneers at Hartford.

The will of Nicholas Clark, dated January 28, 1679, made no mention of his daughter, then deceased, but provided for his son-in-law, Lester, of New London.

Sergeant Andrew Lester married for his second wife, about 1676, Hannah, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Brewster) Bradley, by whom he had Jonathan, Samuel and Hannah. Elizabeth, wife of Peter Bradley, was a daughter of Jonathan Brewster, and grand-daughter of Elder William Brewster, leader of the Pilgrims.

The following abstract dated September 3, 1725, identifying Hannah Lester as a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Brewster) Bradley, and as a descendant of Elder William Brewster, has been accepted by the Society of Mayflower Descendants:

"I, Hannah Lester, of New London, widow, for £10 from Jonathan Bradley of Southold, L. I., sell to him in full all such estate, rights, etc., that I have, or ought to have in real estate in New London, which was my father's, Peter Bradley, alias Brawley, of New London, dec'd." Recorded November 15, 1725. Book 8 folio 285. (Copy certified by Martha H. Smith, notary public and genealogist.)

Sergeant Lester died about 1708 at Groton. His name may be found in histories of Gloucester, New London, Groton, and Ledyard.

### CHAPTER III

#### THE PIONEER SPIRIT

The restlessness which characterized the pioneers soon became manifest in their children, who about the opening of the 18th century, began breaking away from their early environments. About 1690, Timothy (2) Lester disposed of his holdings at Groton and Stonington, and removed probably to Preston, where his name has been carried through successive families to the present generation. Captain Jonathan Lester founded a home at Norwich. Others of the family settled at Canaan, Canterbury, Colchester, Lyme, Plainfield and Preston.

After the experiences occasioned by the Revolutionary War had further accentuated the migratory spirit, the wide-spread movement to establish new homes was at its height. By the opening of the 19th century there were relatives of the New London group of Lesters, not only in the various parts of the mother state, but also in New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere. A number of Lesters settled along the Hudson river in the counties of Albany, Dutchess, Columbia and Rensselaer, N. Y. Daniel, Ebenezer and Charles, sons of Thomas and Deborah Lester, settled about 1790, in Cayuga County, New York. Corporal Andrew Lester was at Rome, N. Y. Guy Lester, born 1758, resided at Chatham, and was for a time in Bradford, Canada. Numerous descendants of Lieut. Andrew and son Timothy Lester removed to New York City. Felix, of Troy, born 1775, who married Barbara Shutter, removed later to Weston, Vermont.

There was a large settlement of Lesters in Northeastern Pennsylvania, some of whom evidently settled there prior to the time of the Revolutionary War; others including Phineas and his family, went there in 1786. The Kennedies of Wayne County, who intermarried with the Lesters, have descendants in South America and Cuba; James H. Kennedy resided for many years at Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mrs. G. E. (Ruth) Sands, at Cardenas, Cuba. Daniel Lester, born 1794 in Connecticut, married 1820, Frances Gardner, and resided in Luzerne, and later in Wayne County. Colonel C. E. Lester, of Hilton Village, Virginia, is a descendant of this Daniel Lester; others of his descendants reside in the vicinity of Gays Mills, Wisconsin. John Pellet, father of Elizabeth who married Phineas Lester, was among the first settlers in that part of the Wyoming Valley which was set off, in 1814, as Pike County.

Descendants of these various families have scattered from coast to coast.



## CHAPTER IV

### MILITARY SERVICE

This country has probably had no war, since the landing of the Pilgrims to the present time, in which some of the ancestors of the present generation of Lesters or kindred families did not participate. A complete history of the part they took in the Revolutionary War alone, would supply material for an imposing volume. We can, then, only touch upon the military services rendered during the early conflicts.

In the Pequod War (1637), during which the tribe of Pequod Indians was all but exterminated, our family was represented by Nicholas Clark, of Hartford; and James Morgan, of Roxbury. Nearly a century later, March 20, 1720, Nicholas Street and Samuel Lester, together with Nehemiah Smith and Joshua Bill, of Groton, were signers of a land grant to the descendants of that unfortunate tribe of red men.

In King Phillip's War (1675-8), the Middlesex regiment of Massachusetts was commanded by Major Simon Willard. John Fiske, in "The Beginnings of New England" narrates the story of the attack by Indians on the town of Brookville and of its timely rescue by Major Willard and his forty-seven horsemen.

In the War of the Revolution, there were probably a score or more of Lesters; and of our kindred families bearing other names, there were many times that number.

As the list of names given herein of Lesters who served in this war was made up only of names that came incidently to our notice, it is obviously incomplete.

#### Lesters Who Served in the Revolutionary War

(A partial list)

Amos, of Groton	Guy, b. 1758, at New London
Andrew, Corp., of Preston	John, at Ft. Griswold
Asa, b. 1760, pensioned 1833 of Groton	Jonas, at Ft. Griswold
Christopher, of Groton, b. 1763	Nathan, at Groton
Daniel, B., at Ft. Griswold	Peter, Sr. at Groton
Daniel, D., at Fort Griswold	Phineas, of Canterbury, in Capt. Bacon's Co.
Ebenezer, Sgt., in Capt. Bacon's Co.	Wait, at Ft. Griswold
Elihu, of Conn.	William, Capt., of Norwich

Many names of Lesters are inscribed on the memorial at Groton, which was dedicated to the memory of soldiers who fell at Ft. Griswold.

Edward Lester, killed by Indians, 1779, near Wilkes Barre, Pa., during the Wyoming Massacre, probably was of the Connecticut family.

A large number of our relatives trace descent from the "Forty First-Settlers" and other pioneers of the Wyoming Valley. These pioneers fought in some of the most harrowing battles of the Revolutionary War. The history of the Massacre is logically a part of the history of our family. Miner's "History of Wyoming," a book long out of print, contains a graphic account of the tragedy.. The following list of early settlers is from this work:

### **A Partial List of Early Settlers of the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania**

(Roll taken June 2, 1769)

Christopher Avery	James Forsythe
Elisha Gardner	Christopher Gardner
Elezeaz Carey	Cyprian Lothrop
James Dunham	John Lawrence
John Franklin	Phineas Stevens

### **Settlers of Lackaway Township—1772-'74**

(In the present Pike County)

The first group following, is of settlers who returned to the valley after the Revolution; the second is of those who left permanently, many settling along the Hudson and Delaware rivers, in Pennsylvania and New York.

John Ansley	Walter Kimble
Hezekiah Bingham	John Killiam
Isiah Chapman	Capt. Zebulon Parrish
Abel Kimble	John Pellett, Sr.
Jacob Kimble	John Pellett, Jr.
Roger Clark	David Gates
James Dye	James Hallett
Charles Forsythe	Jonathan Haskell
Jasper Edwards	William Pellett

Note:—Among the signers to a petition addressed to the Assembly of Connecticut, March 29, 1753, asking for legal action in promoting the colonization of the Wyoming Tract, were John Pellett and son John, and Cyprian Stevens. (See Records of Windham County, Conn., Vol 2, p. 557.)

## CHAPTER V

### KINDRED FAMILIES

The members of the Plymouth and Connecticut colonies were mostly of Welsh and English extraction; and in many lines the original stock was maintained through several generations. Nearly all of our first families had their mottoes and coats-of-arms. Among the frequently recurring sir-names in our records of marriage, are: Allen, Avery, Hyde, Bigelow, Bradford, Brewster, Brooks, Clark, Felch, Fox, Lord, Partridge, Peck, Pellet, Stevens, Street, Warren, Willard and Yale. Often the parties to the marriage were of the same sir-name—Morgans married Morgans, Lesters married Lesters, and so on. A typical example of intermarriage is shown in the records of the Kennedy family:

Robert Kennedy, of Voluntown, father of David, married 1728, Sarah, daughter of John Morgan, Jr. Eunice, the wife of David Kennedy, was the daughter of Peter and Anna (Street) Lester; and Anna Street was the daughter of Nicholas and Jerusha (Morgan) Street. Both David Kennedy and his wife Eunice, were descended from Elder William Brewster.

This common practice in the various families contributed in a measure to their prosperity, for it induced a spirit of mutual interest and co-operation. Although the Lesters usually left large estates, they frequently left a large progeny as well, thus throwing the heirs to some extent upon their own resources. On November 1, 1665, Andrew (1) Lester divided 250 acres of land at Groton, between his sons, Daniel and Andrew. The estate of Sergeant Andrew Lester 2d, was exceptionally large, but many shared in his bequests. The estate of Lieut. Andrew Lester of Preston, left by will which was probated at Norwich in 1751, amounted to about \$25,000. He had seven children, the most of whom were then living. Lydia, his wife, was the twelfth child of John Starkweather.

It would be difficult to determine whether or not the mental traits and physical characteristics peculiar to those of the more closely related lines, have been accentuated; but it is interesting to note that in the choice of vocations, there has been no great deviation. There are today, as there were in the days long past, among the members of these kindred families, a large proportion of business men, educators, authors, and public office holders.



## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES AND FAMILY RECORDS

ALLYN—Robert Allyn came from England to Salem, Mass., in 1651; a founder of Norwich, Conn., 1659. John, son of Robert m. 1668, Elizabeth, daughter of John Gager. Robert, son of John, born 1671; m. Deborah, daughter of James Avery.

AVERY—Christopher (1) Avery (1590-1679) came in the Arbella to Gloucester, Mass., in 1630; to New London, Ct., 1665; selectman; m. 1616, Margery Stephens, at Swansea. Capt. James Avery m. 1686, at Swansea, Susanna, dau. of William and Anne (Humphrey) Palmer, of Munster, Ireland. Anne Humphrey was a daughter of John and Lady Susan (Clinton) Humphrey, of Lynn, Mass. The Clintons were descended from King Alfred the Great. (From notes by Sherwood) John Burroughs (naturalist) was a grandson of Eden and Rachael (Avery) Burroughs of New York State.

BIGELOW—James Bigelow, hero of the Revolutionary War, and wife Mary, removed from Spencer, Mass., 1800, to Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne Co., Pa. Their son, John married Lydia Yale, and had Czrena who married Orrin, son of Andrew Lester. Rachael, grand-daughter of James, married as second wife of David, brother of Orrin Lester.

BREWSTER—Jonathan, son of Elder William Brewster—leader of the Pilgrims; born 1593; m. 1624, Lucretia Oldham; settled in 1649, at New London, Ct. Among their children were: Mary, b. 1627, m. 1645, John Turner, Sr.; Benjamin, b. 1633, m. Anne Darte; Ruth b. 1631 m. 1652, John Pickett; Elizabeth, b. 1637, m. 1st, Peter Bradley, and 2d, Christopher Christophers; Grace, b. 1639, m. Daniel Wetherell; and Hannah, b. 1641, m. Samuel Starr.

Mary, dau. of John and Ruth (Brewster) Pickett, m. Benjamin Shapley, and had Ruth who m. John Morgan (3), John (2) James (1) Morgan.

Hannah, dau. of Peter and Elizabeth (Brewster) Bradley, m. about 1676, as 2d wife of Andrew Lester (2), of New London, Ct.

CARSON-LASH-MC CORMACK—Joseph Carson of Center County, Pa., (killed in an accident about 1815) married Agnes McCormick whose mother was a Gipson. Their children were: Joseph, Jr., Robert, Mary, Rachael and Joanna.

Mary Carson b. 1814 near Lewistown, Pa., married there in 1836, William son of Philip Lash, of Mifflin County; children: Joseph, James J., John, Philip, Joanna C., William and Mary E.

Mary E. dau. of William Lash, born at Kendallville, 1853; m. 1871, at Valparaiso, Indiana., Asa D. Lester; James J., 2d son of William, was editor, county treasurer and recorder of Noble County, Ind. Joanna C., 5th child of William Lash, married Thomas C. Jewell, father of Harry, cashier of the Leach Bank of

Chicago. Children of Thomas and Joanna (Lash) Jewell: Colonel Frank C., graduate of West Point; Flora, and Edna.

**DODGE-LESTER**—Captain William Lester, of Plainfield, Conn., born 1772, served in the Revolutionary War. Joseph Payne, son of Captain William Lester, born May 8, 1805; married Florinda (Brewster) Stevens. Henry Becker, son of Joseph P. Lester, was father of Lotta Lester (Dodge). Mrs. Dodge is Secretary of the Lester Association of America.

**FELCH**—Henry Felch (1) of England, died at Boston 1670. His son Henry (2) born in Wales, married 1648, Hannah daughter of Rev. William Sargent. John Felch (3), married Elizabeth Gowing. John (4) born 1688, married 1714, Elizabeth Johnson. Hepzibah (5) married John Pellett, of Canterbury.

Descendants of Henry Felch (1): Alpheus Felch, governor of Michigan; Mollie, daughter of Capt. John Felch, married Thomas, son of Capt. John Coolidge; Luther Burbank, grandson of Ruth (Foster-Burbank)—daughter of Samuel Felch; Frank Pettingell, Pres. Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

**GELLATT**—George, son of John Gellatt, whose father was a silk manufacturer of Lyons, France, was born at Taunton, Mass., 1752; served in the American Revolution; died at Gibson, Pa., 1852, aged over 100 years. His wife Hannah (Collins) died 1848, at the age of 91. Children: Robert, Collins, Abigail, George, Richard and Jonathan. Collins married Betsy McIntyre. Richard (5th son) had a daughter Helen Amanda who married George W. McCrary, Secretary of War.

**HILDRETH**—Richard Hildreth (1), was sergeant at Cambridge and Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Mass.; prominent in Colonial affairs; died at Chelmsford, Feb. 23, 1693. Mary, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Hildreth, married at Chelmsford, June 21, 1667, Jacob, son of Arthur Warren (1).

**LESTER**—Guy, soldier of the Revolutionary War, and present at the surrender of Cornwallis, was probably descended from Andrew Lester (1). He was born Sept. 10, 1758, at New London; m. 1786, Cynthia Lawrence, of Lisbon. Children, the first six born in Bennington, Vt., and the remaining three, in Chatham, N. Y.—

Henry, b. 1787; Lydia, Aurelia, Merriam, Hiram, Cynthia, Lawrence, Sophia, Russell D.—b 1809.

Hiram, son of Guy Lester, was born July 23, 1796; m. 1823, Sarah Cady, at Chatham, N. Y. Children: Sylvester C., b. 1826 at Palmyra; m. 1858, Martha A. Ferguson; Mary A., b. at Palmyra, 1833, m. 1856 at Lyons, to William W. Paddock; Cynthia S., b. 1835, m. 1856, S. Tift.

Children of Mary A. (Lester) and William W. Paddock, born at Wolcott, N. Y.: Hiram L. b. 1860, m. 1886, Mary L. Weeks of Skanateles; Walter (1862-'63); William Herbert, b. 1865, m. 1887,

Caroline B. Cornwell; Mary, b. 1870; m. Edward T. Brown; Bessie Tift b. 1877, m. Justin O. Reynolds.

Children of Hiram L. and Mary (Weeks) Paddock: Mary I., b. 1890, at Skanateles, m. 1915, Franch C. Ash. (From notes by H. Lester Paddock, Pres. of a paper mfg. corp.)

MORGAN—The Morgans were known as far back as A. D. 400; some were Welsh Kings. A Morgan of 725 introduced the trial by jury in the courts of that day.

James Morgan, born in Wales 1607, died 1685 at Groton, Conn. He came to Boston 1636, with brothers John and Miles; was in Roxbury in 1640; in New London 1650; married 1640, Margery Hill, of Roxbury.

Capt. John Morgan, son of James, born in Roxbury, 1645; died at Preston, Conn., in 1712; deputy to general court 1693; married 1st, Rachael, daughter of John Dymond, and had John, born June 10, 1667, who married at New London, Ruth Shapley (Shapleigh). (From notes by T. W. Sherwood.)

Sarah daughter of John and Ruth (Shapley) Morgan, born Feb. 24, 1702; married 1739 as second wife of Robert Kennedy, of Voluntown, and had David, born 1748. (See Vital Records of Voluntown and Norwich).

John Pierpont Morgan, financial aid to Judge E. H. Gary, and the U. S. Steel Co., was a descendant of both James (1) and Miles (1) Morgan, through his parents Junius and Juliet Morgan.

PELLET—Thomas Pellett (1), of Concord, Mass., married March 5, 1660, Mary Dane (or Deane). Richard, son of Thomas, born at Canterbury, Conn., April 1673, m. Ann, daughter of Thomas Brooks; John born April 14, 1715, married there Nov. 12, 1741, Hepzibah, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Johnson) Felch. Jonathan, son of Richard, married Jerusha, daughter of James Bradford of the Governor Bradford line. William, son of John Pellett, married Mary (Cleveland) Bradford. Elizabeth, daughter of John and Hepzibah (Felch) Pellett, born June 15, 1750, married Dec. 1, 1771, Phenias Lester. (See Canterbury Records.)

STREET—Nicholas Street, born at Bridgewater, England, Jan. 29, 1603; married 2d, Mary, widow of Governor Francis Newman; children: Samuel born 1635, Susanna, Sarah, and Abiah.

Rev. Samuel, son of Nicholas Street, born 1635; grad. of Harvard College; married Anna, daughter of Richard and Katherine (Constable) Miles.

Nicholas, son of Samuel Street, born July 14, 1677; married, 1704, Jerusha Morgan, and had Anna, born Nov. 24, 1710 who married 1733, Peter Lester, of Groton, Conn. (See History of the Street Family.)

In 1777 General Lafayette was a guest at the New Haven homestead of Reverend Nicholas Street.

WARREN—Arthur (1) came from England in 1635, and



settled at Weymouth, Mass., Jacob, son of Arthur, married at Chelmsford, 1667, Mary, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Hildreth. Jacob Warren (3) born 1668, married 1688, Sarah, and their daughter Abigail, born at Plainfield, Conn., Sept. 9, 1708, married Nov. 27, 1727, Cyprian, son of Simon Stevens.—From Geneal. Dist. of N. E.

WILLARD, Major Simon, (1605-'76), son of Richard Willard, of Kent, England, came to Cambridge, Mass., in 1634; to Concord, 1635; commander in King Philip's War; married 1st, Mary daughter of Henry Sharpe of England; 2d and 3d, Mary and Elizabeth Dunster, sisters of Henry Dunster, a colleague at Cambridge, of John Milton, and first president of Harvard College.

Mary, daughter of Simon Willard, born 1653; married January 22, 1672, Cyprian Stevens. They had a son, Simon, whose son Cyprian of Chelmsford, and Plainfield, Conn., married Abigail Warren. Priscilla, daughter of Cyprian and Abigail (Warren) Stevens, married Andrew son of Lieut. Andrew Lester of Preston.

Among the prominent descendants of Major Willard, were: Two presidents of Harvard College; the designer of Bunker Hill Monument; and Frances E. Willard, president of the Women's College, of Evanston, Ill. (See Geneal Dict. of N. E., Biog. of Frances E. Willard, and Vital Records of Plainfield.)

## GENEALOGY

### THE LESTERS OF CONNECTICUT

#### FAMILY

##### NO. 1

Andrew<sup>1</sup> LESTER, appeared at Gloucester, Mass., in 1642; at New London, Conn., 1651; m. 1st, Barbara who died Feb. 2, 1653-4.

Children:

- 2     I     Daniel, b. April 15, 1642; m. Hannah dau. of Thomas Fox, of Concord, Mass.
- 3     II     Andrew, b. Dec. 26, 1644; m. 1st, a dau. of Nicholas Clark, of Hartford.
- III     Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1647.
- IV     Ann, b. March 24, 1651; m. May 3, 1670 Nathaniel Millet.

Andrew Lester (1) m. 2d., 1654-5, Joanna Hempstead, who died in 1659, without issue. He m. 3d, 1661, Anna (Hannah) dau. of Henry Brooks (1), and widow of Thomas Fox (1), of Concord, Mass. Children of Andrew and Hannah (Brooks-Fox) Lester, all born in New London:

- 4     V     Timothy, b. July 4, 1662.
- 5     VI     Joseph, b. June 15, 1664.
- 6     VII     Benjamin, b. 1666; m. Anna Steadman.



7 Daniel<sup>2</sup> Lester who m. Hannah Fox, had a son Daniel (3).

Andrew<sup>2</sup> LESTER m. 1st a dau. of Nicholas Clark of Hartford. She d. about 1676, and according to documentary evidence, he married 2d, Hannah, dau. of Peter and Elizabeth (Brewster) Bradley. Elizabeth Bradley, mother of Hannah, was a dau. of Jonathan—son of Elder William Brewster. Hannah Bradley was born Sept. 17, 1656, at New London; bapt. Apr. 19, 1674.

Children of Andrew (2) Lester:

- I Sarah, bapt. 1670-71 (?) m. Joseph Woodmancy.
- 8 II Andrew, bapt. Aug. 23, 1674; m. Lydia Bailey; and 2d Abigail—
- 9 III Jonathan, bapt. January 19, 1678 at First Church of Christ, New London; m. Hannah—
- IV Samuel, bapt. June 26, 1686.
- V Hannah, bapt. at Stonington, 1685; m. at Groton, 1708, to James Forsythe.

The will of Andrew Lester (2) was probated at Groton, Aug. 20, 1708.

Timothy<sup>2</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 1) b. July 4, 1662; m. and had children. As it is generally believed that he was the father of Lieut. Andrew Lester who died at Preston in 1751, our records have been based on that theory.

Joseph<sup>2</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 1,) m., and had a son Joseph Lester (3).

Benjamin<sup>2</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 1), m. Ann Stedman, and had: Timothy, b. June 2, 1695; d. Apr. 8, 1730; m. Abigail, dau. of William and Abigail Willoughby.

Daniel, m. September 25, 1739, Elizabeth Darrow, and had a son Daniel (4).

Isaac, m. Thankful, a sister of Abigail Willoughby.

Daniel<sup>3</sup> LESTER (Daniel 2, Andrew 1) m. 1st, 1702, Mary Wells. He m. 2d at New London, 1720, Sarah Brown, of Colchester. Children:

- I Mary, bapt, 1704; d. 1713.
- II Susannah bapt. 1712.
- III Ezekiel; d. 1736.
- IV Noah, d. 1736.
- V Ann, bapt. 1721.
- VI Hannah, b. May 3, 1723.
- VII Grace b. June 3, 1725.

VIII Eliphalet, b. May 1729; m. Lucy Hyde.

IX Esther b. April 11, 1732.

X Thomas, b. June 25, 1734.

13 XI Daniel—

8

Andrew<sup>3</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 2, 1), m. 1st, Lydia daughter of Thomas Bailey (1). He probably m. 2d. Abigail—, and had Eunice, b. Dec. 21, 1754; m. March 14, 1771, Elijah Adams; and Tabitha, born 1758. His will probated at Groton, 1767 shows that he had grandchildren named Fargo.

9

Jonathan<sup>3</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 2, 1), b. Jan. 10, 1678 at New London, d. Mar. 4, 1711-12 (?); m. Hannah—.

Children:

I Hannah.

14 II Jonathan; bap. March 8, 1701-2; m. Deborah Allyn.

15 III Peter b. about 1705; m. 1733, Anna Street.

10

Andrew<sup>3</sup> LESTER (Timothy 2, Andrew 1), Lieutenant, born 1693, (as shown by gravestone)—d. 1751, at Preston; m. there Dec. 28, 1714, Lydia, dau. of John Starkweather. (See Vital Records of Preston, Book 1.)

Children, born at Preston:

I John, b. Jan. 2, 1716-17.

16 II Timothy, b. Aug. 27, 1718; m. Mehitable Belcher; m. 2d, Rebecca Ayaratt.

III John, b. July 19, 1721.

IV Mary, b. Oct. 19, 1723.

17 V Andrew, bap. April 24, 1726; d. 1777; m. Priscilla Stevens.

VI Lydia, bap. Jan. 12, 1729.

VII Hannah, bap. Dec. 26, 1731.

(See Vital Records of Preston, Books 2 and 7.)

Lydia, the 12th child of John Starkweather, was probably born at Ipswich, Mass., and died at Preston, May 1, 1760, at the age of 68. Robert (1) Starkweather came 1640, from the Isle of Man; m. Jeanette Roberts.

11

Timothy<sup>3</sup> LESTER (Benjamin 2, Andrew 1), b. June 22, 1695; m. Abigail, dau. of William and Abigail Willoughby.

Children:

William, b. 1722.

Ann, b. 1724.

Timothy, b. 1726.

Nehemiah, b. 1728.

12

Daniel<sup>3</sup> LESTER (Benjamin 2, Andrew 1), m. Sept. 25, 1739,

Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher and Elizabeth Darrow.

Children:

- I Sylvester, b. 1740.
- II Jason.
- III Esther, b. 1743.
- IV Elizabeth, b. 1745.
- V Daniel, b. June 28, 1748.

13

Daniel<sup>4</sup> LESTER (Daniel 3, Daniel 2, Andrew 1), m. Abigail Scarrett, and had a son Daniel (5), b. 1741.

14

Jonathan<sup>4</sup> LESTER (Jonathan 3, Andrew 2,1), bapt. March 8, 1701-2; m. Sept. 22, 1724, Deborah, dau. of Robert and Deborah (Avery) Allyn.

Children, born at Groton:

- I. Jonathan, Captain, bapt. 1725; d. Feb. 12, 1797, at Norwich.
- II Deborah, bapt. Oct. 10, 1731.
- 18 III Thomas, b. 1727-8; bapt. Oct. 19, 1731.
- IV Amos, bapt. 1731.
- V Wait, bapt. 1731.
- VI Peter, bapt. Aug. 8, 1732.
- VII Simeon, bapt. Aug. 4, 1734.
- 19 VIII David, bapt. Nov. 7, 1736; m. 1st, Margaret Avery; he m. 2d, May 13, 1771, Elizabeth Street.

15

Peter<sup>4</sup> LESTER (Jonathan 3, Andrew 2, 1), (Soldier of the Revo.) b. about 1705; d. Sept. 10, 1789; m. Aug. 1733, Anna, dau. of Nicholas and Jerusha (Morgan) Street. She was born Nov. 24, 1710, at Groton, and d. March 6, 1790. They had: Peter, b. 1734; Asa, b. 1738, and Eunice, b. 1748.

20 Eunice, dau. of Peter (4) Lester, b. June 8, 1748 (per Bible records), bapt, Oct. 9, 1748; m. at Groton, Nov. 21, 1771, by Rev. Jacob Johnson, to David, son of Robert and Sarah (Morgan) Kennedy, of Voluntown and Norwich, Conn. David Kennedy was b. Aug. 22, 1748, at Voluntown. Sarah was a dau. of John and Ruth (Shapley) Morgan, of New London. Ruth Shapley was a descendant of Elder William Brewster, through Benjamin Shapley, John Pickett, and Jonathan Brewster. (See Morgans and Streets, in Biog. Section.)

16

Timothy<sup>4</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 3, Timothy 2, Andrew 1), b. August 27, 1718; m. 1st, Mehitable Blecher—d. 1776. He m. 2d, 1776, Rebecca Aryatt.

Children, born at Preston:

- I Mary, b. 1743; m. Simeon Lester.
- II Mehitable, b. 1746; m. 1765, Wheeler Coit.

- 21    III   Timothy, b. 1748; m. 1st, Elizabeth Kinney; m. 2d, 1796, Betsy Dunlap.  
       IV   Moses, b. 1750; m. 1773, Lydia Lord; m. 2d, 1807, Sarah Woodbridge.  
       V   Elijah, b. 1753; m. 1782, Damarius Lord.  
       VI   Lydia, b. 1756.  
       VI   Lydia, b. 1756.  
       VII   Elisha, b. 1759; m. Betsey Freeman; their daughter Lydia, m. 1805, Jesse Starkweather.

Sarah (Sally) Woodbridge was a dau. of Jaleal and Lucy (Edwards) Woodbridge. Lucy was a daughter of Jonathan Edwards D. D. Esther, the sister of Lucy, was the wife of Reverend Aaron Burr.

Hart, a daughter of Timothy (5) Lester, m. Allan Harris, and had Daniel Lester Harris, prominent railroad man of Springfield, Mass. Henrietta Harris m. William A. Harris. Miss Rieta C. Harris is of this line.

## 17

Andrew<sup>4</sup> LESTER (Andrew 3, Timothy 2, Andrew 1) bapt. April 24, 1726—d. 1777; m. at Preston, "March ye 15th, 1748" Priscilla, dau. of Cyprian and Abigail (Warren) Stevens, of Plainfield.

Children (the first four born in Preston, the last three in Canterbury):

- 23    I   Phenias, b. Nov. 17, 1748; m. Elizabeth Pellet.  
       II   John, b. Nov. 15, 1750.  
 24    III   Andrew, b. June 6, 1753; m. July 28, 1774, Lydia Part-  
       ridge.  
       IV   Abigail, b. Jan. 13, 1756.  
       V   Elisha, b. June 23, 1758.  
       VI   Nathan, b. Jan. 15, 1760.  
       VII   Lucy, b. March 6, 1763.

(See Preston Vital Records, Book 1, p 16.)

Cyprian Stevens was descended from Major Simon Willard, a founder of Concord, Mass., through Simon (2), Cyprian (1) who m. Mary, daughter of Major Willard.

Abigail Warren was descended from Reverend Richard Hildreth.

## 18

Thomas<sup>5</sup> LESTER, (Jonathan 4, 3, Andrew 2, 1), bapt. Oct. 10, 1731; m. Mary dau. of Ebenezer and Mary (Thurber) Allyn, and granddaughter of Robert and Deborah (Avery) Allyn.

Children, born in Groton:

- I   Thomas, b. March 1, 1755.  
 II   Mary, b. March 14, 1756-7.  
 III   Wait, b. Dec. 17, 1759—fell at Ft. Griswold, 1781.  
 IV   Ebenezer, b. Aug. 7, 1761, d. young.



- 25 V Daniel, b. March 27, 1763; m. Sabra Allyn; removed to New York.  
 VI Jonathan, b. April 9, 1765.  
 26 VII Ebenezer, b. Dec. 2, 1766.  
 VIII Charles, b. Nov. 14, 1768.

19

David<sup>5</sup> LESTER, (Jonathan 4, 3, Andrew 2, 1), bapt. Nov 7, 1736; m. 1st, Margaret Avery—d. Feb. 19, 1771; he m. 2d. May 13, 1771, Elizabeth Street, of Groton. Children: Daniel, Christopher, and Margaret.

- 27 Christopher, b. 1763; m. Mary Fish.

20

Eunice<sup>5</sup> LESTER, (Peter 4, Jonathan 3, Andrew 2, 1), b. June 8, 1748; m. Nov. 21, 1771, David, son of Robert Kennedy, of Voluntown, and Norwich. David Kennedy was born 1748, at Voluntown. "Eunice, wife of David Kennedy, d. Aug. 1826, age 78 years," from headstone record at Pleasant Mount, Pa. David Kennedy died May 21, 1833.

Children of David and Eunice (Lester) Kennedy:

- 30 Sarah, m. Jan. 1803, in Pike County, Pa., Andrew, son of Phenias and Elizabeth (Pellett) Lester; removed the same year to Pleasant Mount, Wayne County; died 1869.

21

Timothy<sup>5</sup> LESTER, (Timothy 4, Andrew 3, Timothy 2, Andrew 1), b. 1748; m. 1st, 1869, Elizabeth Kinney—died 1796; he m. 2d, Betsy Dunlap of Preston.

Children:

- I Mehitabel, b. 1770; m. 1790, Daniel Payne.  
 II John, b. 1772; m. 1796, Mary Backhus.  
 28 III Sessions, b. 1774 at Plainfield; m. 1st, Esther Kinyon; m. 2d, 1814, Fanny Gallup.  
 IV Rebecca, b. 1777; d. young.  
 V Betsy, b. 1778; m. 1798, John Dunlap.  
 VI Joseph, b. 1780; m. 1799, Lydia Ougall.  
 VII Mary, b. 1783; m. Ezra Lathrop.  
 VIII Lucy, b. 1785; m. Jog Angell.  
 IX Erastus, b. 1787.  
 X Hart, b. 1789; m. 1816, Allen Harris.

The old residence of Timothy (5) Lester still stands, in good condition, on Shepherd Hill at Plainfield.

22

Moses<sup>5</sup> LESTER, (Timothy 4, Andrew 3, Timothy 2), b. 1750 at Griswold (later Preston), m. 1st, Lydia Lord; m. 2d, 1807, Sarah Woodbridge, granddaughter of Jonathan Edwards, D. D., and had Charles Edward Lester, historian, b. 1815, at Griswold; m. Ellen Brown.

23

Phineas<sup>5</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 4, 3), soldier of the Revolution-

ary War, b. Nov. 17, 1748 at Preston; m. Dec. 1, 1771, at Canterbury, Elizabeth, dau. of John and Hepzibah (Felch) Pellett. (See Town Records of Canterbury and Central Village.)

Children:

- I Lucinda, b. Feb. 16, 1773, at Canterbury.
- 29 II Mary, b. Feb. 14, 1775, at Canterbury.
- III Priscilla, b. April 3, 1777, at Canterbury.
- 30 IV Andrew, b. May 27, 1779, at Canterbury, m. Sarah Kennedy.
- V John, b. July 18, 1781, at Canterbury.
- VI Abigail, b. June 8, 1783, at Canterbury.
- VII William, b. June 4, 1785, at Canterbury.
- VIII Hepzibah, b. Oct. 31, 1787, at Canterbury.
- 31 IX Orrin, b. Jan. 11, 1790, at Paupac; m. Matilda Allard.

Phineas Lester removed with his family about 1786, to Paupac, Pa. He, his wife Elizabeth, and her father, John Pellett, together with others of the family, were buried in what is now known as the Williams' Cemetery, formerly a part of the Bingham estate.

24

Andrew<sup>5</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 4, 3), born June 6, 1753; m. July 28, 1774, Lydia, dau. of James Partridge; served as corporal in the Revolutionary War, and engaged in many of the major battles. They had:

- 32 Andrew Lester (6); m. Abigal Walworth.

25

Daniel<sup>6</sup> LESTER, (Thomas 5, Jonathan 4, 3), b. March 27, 1763; m. Sabra Allyn.

Children:

- 33 I Daniel, b. June 23, 1788—d. 1849; m. Mary, dau. of Israel Mead.
- II Erastus.
- III Austin.
- IV Sabra, b. April 1, 1795—d. 1889; m. Judy 14, 1814, James, son of Israel and Mary (Ferris) Mead.
- V Mary (Polly).

26

Ebenezer<sup>6</sup> LESTER, (Thomas 5, Jonathan 4, 3), b. Dec. 2, 1766, at Groton; m. Cynthia Avery, and removed, soon after the Revolutionary War, to Genoa, Cayuga County, N. Y. Cynthia was the dau. of Lieut. Elihu Avery, an officer of the Revolution.

Children:

- I Ebenezer, m. Clarissa Williams.
- II Cynthia, remained single.
- III Maria, m. Joseph Porter.
- IV Solon, m. 1st, (no issue); m. 2d. Polly (Mary) Kimball.
- V Elias, remained single.

- VI Elihu, b. Aug. 21, 1798; m. Lucy Bacon, and had Dr. Elias, who resided at Seneca Falls.
- VII Herman, m. Chloe Clark.
- VIII Harriett, m. Alexander Meade.

27

Christopher<sup>6</sup> LESTER, (David 5, Jonathan 4, 3, Andrew 2, 1), b. Sept. 10, 1763; m. April 10, 1791, Mary, dau. of Nathan and Catherine (Helms) Fish, of Groton.

Children.

- I Hannah, b. Aug. 13, 1792; m. John Hudson.
- II Sarah, b. Oct. 14, 1794; m. 1816, Latham Avery Burrows.
- III David, b. Apr. 1, 1796-- m. Mary Doane.
- IV Betsey, b. Nov. 27, 1797; m. July 7, 1816, Latham Avery.
- V Peter, b. May 19, 1800; m. Abbie Stoddard; res. Parma Center, N. Y.
- VI Margaret, b. July 18, 1801; m. Capt. Anson Wood.
- 34 VII Christopher, b. March 26, 1803--d. Aug. 12, 1871; m. Esther (Geer) Bailey.
- VIII Mary, b. May 22, 1807; m. Austin, son of Nois Williams.

28

Sessions<sup>6</sup> LESTER, (Timothy 5, 4, Andrew 3), m. Fanny Gallup.

Children:

- I John, b. 1815.
  - II Fanny, b. 1817; m. a Webb.
  - III Andrew, b. 1820; m. 1857, Emily Hume.
  - V Henry, b. 1831.
  - 35 IV Albert G., b. 1822; m. Maria Ann Storrs.
  - VI Jane, b. 1824; m. Jabez Adams.
  - VII Timothy, b. 1827.
- Burials were at Mooseup.

29

Mary<sup>6</sup> Lester (Phineas 5, Andrew 4, 3), b. Feb. 14, 1775, at Canterbury; d. 1854; m. 1798, at Milford, Pike County, Pa., Sergeant Jonathan Arnold, soldier of the Revolutionary War, who enlisted at Guilford, Conn., in 1776. They resided in Wayne Co., Pa.

Children of Sgt. Jonathan and Mary (Lester) ARNOLD:

- I Elizabeth.
- II Sarah.
- III Hepzibah.
- IV Priscilla.
- V Lucinda, b. 1808; d. 1857; m. Abraham Swart, of Kingston, N. Y.

Abraham and Lucinda (Arnold) Swart were parents of Rose C. Swart, former director of the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisc.; now resident of Honesdale, Pa. The wife of Abraham Swart was of the line of Eltings, of French Huguenot stock.

30

Andrew<sup>6</sup> LESTER, (Phineas 5, Andrew 4, 3), b. 1778, at Canterbury; m. in Pike County, Pa., January 1803, Sarah, dau. of David Kennedy. He removed the same year of his marriage to Mt. Pleasant township, Wayne County, Pa. He and his wife both died at the age of ninety-one, and were buried at Pleasant Mount. "Andrew Lester, b. May 28, 1778, d. Sept. 29, 1869. Sarah, wife of Andrew Lester, born Aug. 23, 1778; d. June 10, 1869."—From headstone records at Pleasant Mount.

Children:

- I Eunice, b. 1803; m. Josiah Goodsell.
- II Betsey, b. August 14, 1806; m. Elisha Tooker.
- III Anna, b. Jan. 19, 1808; m. Rufus Tuttle, of Conn.
- 36 IV Asa A., b. Feb. 14, 1810; m. Nancy, widow of Townsend Weyant, dau. of Collins and Betsy (McIntyre) Gellat.
- V David K., b. Dec. 17, 1811; m. 1st, Maria Peck; m. 2d Rachael Bigelow, and removed to Towerville, Wis.
- VI Sarah M., b. Dec. 10, 1815; m. Merrill Stevens; removed to Ill.
- 37 VII Orrin, b. Oct. 13, 1817 m. Czrena a cousin of Rachael Bigelow, dau. of John and Lydia (Yale) Bigelow.
- VIII Emeline, b. Feb. 1, 1825; m. Doctor Rodney Harmes. The Bigelows were descended from James Bigelow, a hero of the Revolution, who resided in Mass.

31

Orrin<sup>6</sup> LESTER (Phineas 5, Andrew 4, 3) b. Jan. 11, 1790, at Paupac, Pa.; served in the war of 1812; m. Mar. 1829 Matilda Al-lard and raised a large family at Forest Lake, where he died about 1850; children:

William H., Ruth E., Nancy L., Ruth E (2), Abby M., Orrin E., John Pellet, Harlow W., Ezra P., Omer O., Theodore, and Myron M.

Mrs. F. E. Peterson, Stapleton, Nebr., is one of the numerous descendants of Orrin (6) Lester.

32

Andrew<sup>6</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 5, 4, 3) m. Abigail Walworth, and resided at Rome, N. Y., and Canaan, Conn.

Among his children were:

Mary  
Milo Andrew  
Helen Eliza

33

Daniel<sup>7</sup> LESTER, (Daniel 6, Thomas 5, Jonathan 4, 3), b.



June 23, 1788 at East Venice, N. Y.; m. Mary dau. of Israel Meade Sr.

Children:

- John Allyn, b. May 4, 1814—d. 1872; m. Anna Pierson;  
(no issue)  
Emily, b. Mar. 11, 1817—d. 1899; remained single.  
Orrin, b. June 8, 1819—d. 1904; m.; (no issue).  
38 Volney, b. Feb. 5, 1821; m. Mary Smith.  
Albert, b. March 11, 1823—d. 1881; m. Lucy Ann  
Young.  
Mary Jane, b. July 28, 1825; m. 1st, Ralph Hurlburt.

34

Christopher<sup>7</sup> LESTER, (Christopher 6, David 5, Jonathan 4),  
b. Mar. 26, 1803; m. Esther Geer Bailey—b. Dec. 17, 1804—d. Sept.  
9, 1897.

Children:

- I John, m. Julia Martin.  
II Hannah, m. Hiram Clark.  
39 III Anson, b. Dec. 1838, at Parma Center, N. Y., m. May  
5, 1869, at Nevada City, Calif., Cleora Davis.  
IV Austin, died Sept. 8, 1904; soldier of Civil War.  
V Eugene, died Feb. 5, 1909 at Datona Beach, Fla., aged  
66; m. Harriett Foote.  
VI Mary, b. Sept. 17, 1845; m. Sept. 29, 1864, Henry Foote.  
Note: Esther Bailey was a dau. of Isaac and Esther  
(Gallup) Geer.

35

Albert<sup>7</sup> LESTER, (Sessions 6, Timothy 5, 4), b. Mar. 11, 1822  
—d. 1881, m. Maria Ann Storrs.

Children:

- I Susan, d. young.  
II Fred.  
III Albert G., b. 1857; m. Fanny I. Boggs.

36

Asa A.<sup>7</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 6, Phineas 5, Andrew 4, 3), b.  
Feb. 14, 1810, at Pleasant Mount, Pa.; m. 1847, at Binghampton,  
N. Y., Nancy, dau. of Collins and Betsey (McIntyre) Gellatt.  
She was born at Savoy, Mass., in 1808; d. at the home of E. B.  
Headley, WilkesBarre, Pa., July, 1875. She was a granddaughter  
of George Gellatt, soldier of the Revolution, who died at Gellatt,  
Pa., 1852, at the age of one hundred years, one month and eleven  
days.

Children:

- 40 Asa D., (artist) b. July 6, 1848, at Binghampton; m.  
Elizabeth Lash.  
Andrew (twin) born 1848, died young.  
Col. Headley Weyant, (physician) of Kansas City, and

Addie (Weyant) Martin are grandchildren of Nancy and her first husband, Townsend Weyant.

37

Orrin<sup>7</sup> LESTER, (Andrew 6, Phenias 5, Andrew 4, 3), b. Oct. 13, 1817 at Pleasant Mount, Wayne County, Pa.; m. Nov. 18, 1841, Czrena, dau. of John and Lydia (Yale) Bigelow. The parents of John Bigelow were James and Mary Bigelow of Spencer, Mass., who were pioneers of Wayne County.

Children:

I John Andrew, b. Dec. 7, 1842—d. 1916.

II Catherine Emeline, b. Apr. 1, 1844; m. Nathan, son of Robert Kennedy. She d. Oct. 13, 1925.

III Orrin Perkins, b. Dec. 18, 1850—d. 1880.

IV Franklin Pierce, b. Sept. 9, 1851—d. 1920, in Colorado.

Orrin Lester<sup>7</sup> held the office of Treasurer of Wayne County, 1866.

Nathan and Catherine Kennedy had eleven children, a number of whom are yet living in Pennsylvania and New York.

38

Volney<sup>8</sup> LESTER, (Daniel 7, 6, Thomas 5, Jonathan 4), b. Feb. 5, 1821, at East Venice, New York; m. 1848, Mary dau. of Martin and Esther (Bronson) Smith, of Cascade.

Children:

Emily Cordelia, b. Aug. 9, 1850—d. 1860.

42 Fred Volney, b. Sept. 16, 1857; m. Eva M. Conklin—b. Apr. 14 1859.

Nellie Isabel, b. March 29, 1862—d. Oct. 25, 1862.

Louis Allyn, b. July 27, 1866; residence East Venice.

39

Anson Wood<sup>8</sup> LESTER, (Christopher 7, 6, David 5), b. Dec. 1838, at Parma Center, N. Y.; d. 1876, at San Francisco; m. May 5, 1869, at Nevada City, California, Cleora A. Davis—b. 1849, at Young's Prairie, Mich.

Children:

43 I Minerva, b. May 25, 1870; m. E. B. Power, Asst. State's Atty., State of California.

II Frederick Stroufe, b. Oct. 25, 1873; residence, Pasadena, Calif.

40

Asa D.<sup>8</sup> LESTER, artist, (Asa A. 7, Andrew 6, Phenias 5), b. July 6, 1848—d. 1905, at Chicago; m. 1871, at Valparaiso, Ind., Mary E. dau. of William and Mary (Carson) Lash.

Children:

I Maude Gipson, b. 1872; m. Major Harry Hoisington; res. Davenport, Iowa; Children Lester and Laverne.

II May LaVern, b. 1874, Iowa; d. about 1903, Oklahoma.

- 44 III James William, b. Albion, Ind.; m. 1901, at Bluffton, Ida M. Effinger; residence Gary, Ind.

41

Albert G.<sup>s</sup> LESTER, (Albert 7, Sessions 6, Timothy 5, 4, Andrew 3), b. 1857; m. 1881, Fanny Boggs. (See "Who's Who in Chicago.")

Children:

- I Helen, b. 1884; m. Emory S. Rockwell.
- II Ruth Virginia; residence, Chicago.

42

Fred Volney<sup>o</sup> LESTER, (Volney 8, Daniel 7, 6, Thomas 5, Johnathan 4, 3, Andrew 2, 1), b. Sept. 16, 1857; m. Dec. 25, 1878, Eva M. Conklin—b. 1859.

Children:

- I Claude Frederick, b. April 7, 1878; m. Sept. 6, 1903, at Glens Falls, N. Y., Elda M. Fish. He was a graduate of Middlebury College, 1923; M. A. at Columbia; Professor of American History at Colby College; soldier in World War—d. 1924.
- II Iva Maude, grad. Sloyd Training School, Boston; student at Columbia University.

Fred Volney Lester, grad. from Colgate College 1886; Illinois Wesleyan, 1904; Dean of College; and Supt. of Schools at Locke, N. Y.

43

Minerva L. POWER, (Anson Wood Lester 8, Christopher 7, 6, David 5), born May 25, 1870; m. Barnum Power, Atty.; residence, San Francisco.

They had:

Lester Barnum, b. at Oakland, Calif.; instructor in Fresno High School.

Mrs. Power traces her descent through Tristram Coffyn of the Carmino line to Edward I, King of England.

44

\*J. William<sup>o</sup> LESTER, (Asa 8, Asa A. 7, Andrew 6, Phenias 5, Andrew 4, 3), lineal descendant, in two branches each, of Elder William Brewster, James Morgan (1), and Andrew Lester (1); m. 1902, Ida M. Effinger.

Children:

- I Vivian, died in infancy.
- II Jeanette, b. 1918, at Bluffton, Indiana.
- III James William, b. 1919, at Gary, Indiana.

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\*Lineage, distaff side: Andrew 1, 2, Jonathan 3, Peter 4, Eunice 5 Lester who m. David Kennedy and had Sarah who m. Andrew 6 Lester.

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